Employment Security Department Unemployment Insurance Division Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda (January 31, 2006 – July 31, 2006)

WAC CHAPTER	SUBJECT	AGENCY CONTACT	TIMING	SCOPE OF RULE CHANGES
Chapter 192-210	Referral Unions	Juanita Myers	CR101 – 2/02 CR102 – 3/06	Adopt rules to clarify job search and availability requirements for individual members of full referral unions. Clarify requirements
		(360) 902-9665	Hearing – To be determined	of unions participating in the referral union program.
Chapter 192-250	Shared Work	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 5/03 CR102 – 1/06	Amend and adopt rules to modify eligibility requirements for employers and participants applying for the Shared Work program, clarify expectations of participating employers, address
				the number of consecutive plans an employer may have, and define terms.
Chapter 192-200	Non-Union Apprentices	Juanita Myers	CR101 – 1/06	Determine the conditions under which non-union apprentices in programs approved by the Washington Apprenticeship Training
		(360) 902-9665		Council are eligible for commissioner approved training and exempt from seeking work beyond those employers who are part of the apprenticeship program.
Chapter 192-220	Overpaid	Juanita Myers	CR101 – 1/06	Amend rules concerning the definition of "equity and good
	Unemployment Benefits	(360) 902-9665		conscience" as that term relates to waivers of overpayments and offers in compromise. Adopt rules outlining the policies for partial waivers of overpayments. The Court of Appeals recently held that waivers must be made under the standard of "fairness" rather than relying primarily on the individual's financial circumstances. The Court also for the first time ordered the department to consider partial waivers of overpayments.
Chapter 192-300	Employer Contribution Rates (SUTA Dumping)	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 4/06	Adopt rules to implement the department's request legislation following passage and signing by the Governor. The intent is to ensure that employers do not evade their appropriate contribution (tax) rate.